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Mrs. Bardagjy, President Williamsburg Woman's Club

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A charming home filled with articles brought back from the near east and the Orient, reflect the love the family of the new president of the Williamsburg Woman's Club has for this area of the world.

Mrs. Andrew Bardagjy of 5615 N. 32nd St., Arlington will pilot this new club in the Williamsburg section of the county for the coming year.

Mr. Bardagjy is publications officer of the Near East Branch of the Press Service at the United States Information Agency and brought back many things from this part of the world as well as from Japan when he served the government in that area also.

Helen was born in East Orange, N. J., moving to Newark, N. J. later, where she spent her school years.

After finishing her education she took a position as bookkeeper with the Palmolive Peet Co. in Jersey City.

She said that her husband's sister decided that she would make a good wife for her brother and introduced them. She was apparently right for they married after a very short courtship.

The Bardagjys made their first home in Jersey City where Mr. Bardagjy held a position in public relations, working on the company newspaper for the American Molasses Co. It was here that their daughter Mary Ellen was born. Six months

after she was born the family moved to Washington, D. C. where Mr. Bardagjy took a position with CIA. It was in Washington that their son Drew was born.

Ellen stressed the fact that her family comes first. Their third son Paul was born where they are now living in Arlington, is five years old and attends Nottingham School.

Her hobby is sewing and she won the sewing contest in her club in 1962 and came in second in the contest in 1963.

This interesting couple love to square dance and belong to the "Deck Hands" square dance club.

Bardagjy from her work with the Parent-Teacher Association, scouts and other community groups.

A group in which they are vitally interested is the "American Friends of the Middle East."

Mr. Bardagjy is moderator of deacons at the Little Falls Presbyterian Church, and Helen has taught in the Sunday School. They have both served as treasurer of the Couples Club of the church.

Their daughter Mary Ellen is president of the Fellowship group of the church and editor of the Williamsburg High School newspaper the "Patriot".

Drew is a very active member of Scout troop 638.

The first meeting of the Williamsburg Womens Club will be held in the Rock Springs Neighborhood House on Sept. 25 at 12:30 p.m. The program will be the film of Mrs. Kennedy's trip through India.

One of this club's main projects is aiding the Cancer Society by sending several of the club members each week to work at the Society's headquarters.

They are also working with the Arlington Safety Council.

This club contributes to the Teachers Scholarship Fund for Arlington Teachers.

The bulk of their contributions went last year to the Sheltered Occupational Center of Northern Virginia. Another fund that has enlisted their interest and help is the American Field Service that works with foreign students.

The club will again this year continue their "Spanish Conversation" group.



MRS. ANDREW BARDAGJY — Is seen sitting on a camel saddle and holding a pitcher brought back with her from the near East.